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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Serial No.: 09/685,772

Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Filed on: Of: Entitled: Examiner: Group:		October 11, 2000 Carola BLAESING-BANGERT Substrate Holder, and Use of the Substrate Holder in a Highly Accurate Measuring Instrument Michelle P. Nguyen 2851								
<u>X</u> _	1a	Accompanying this order is a new specification and drawings, that does not contain any subject matter that would have been new matter in the prior application. Total pages of specification, claims and abstract: 16 Total pages of drawings: 4								
	1b.	Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed. Total pages of specification, claims and abstract: Total pages of drawings:								
<u>—</u>	2.	New Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of _ sheet(s), depicting Figures								
X	3.	Declaration and Power of Attorney:								
		a.		Newly executed (original or copy)						
		b.	<u>X</u>	Copy from prior application						
			i.	Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application						

4. Incorporation by Reference:

> The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- 5. Small entity status:
 - A small entity statement is enclosed a.
 - b. A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.
 - Is no longer claimed c.
- <u>X</u> 6. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee					\$385	<u>\$770</u>
Total Claims		20 =0	x	9 =	\$	18 = \$
Ind. Claims		3 =0	x	43 =	\$	86 = \$
_	Multiple Depend	dent Claims	+	145 =	\$	290 = \$
		ľ	Cotal		\$	\$770.00

- 7. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #) in the amount of \$___.
- <u>X</u> 8. A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- <u>X</u> 9. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #038664.49301D1).
- <u>X</u> 10. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a division of application Serial No. 09/685,772, filed October 11, 2000.--

- X 11. Priority of Appln. No 199 48 797.9, filed in Germany on October 11, 1999, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- X 12. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 09/685,772 on January 15, 2004.
- X 13. The prior application is assigned of record to Leica Microsystems Wetzlar GmbH.
- X 14. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.

- X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.
- ___ b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- X d. Address all future correspondence to:

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- X 15. Copies of Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.
- X 16. Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

March 30, 2004

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